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EDITORIAL:

When on a recent Thursday afternoon the ambulance set off down Philcote Street on its way to the John Radcliffe, I was vaguely aware that it would be bruited abroad, literally from the roof-tops, that Deddington was saying good-bye to its Editor. The fact that I am now penning these lines should assure you that in one sense at least this was fortunately not so. However, I am afraid that is not the whole truth of the matter. I have been strongly advised by those who have my best interests at heart, to relinquish the editorship of the Deddington News. I shall at least have completed a year in office, but that year did involve some essential fund-raising with the Spring Fair, which meant a great deal of effort I had not foreseen. Moreover, with Duplicator trouble, problems about the sufficiency of advertising revenue and the steep increase in costs of our essential materials (paper especially) we have recently had to face yet another financial crisis. We have now resorted to the Parish Council for help and received encouragement from them, and there is a period of negotation and decision-making immediately ahead of us. I am very relieved to be able to tell you that my wife, Marianne, who has helped me during the year, has agreed to take over the editorship for the present. Although I shall be more than content to slip back into the state of blissful irresponsibility, which I regard as the whole aim and purpose of retirement, I shall at least be in the wings for some of the "reading" and "writing" chores. (The third of the three R's was never my strong suit). I have very much enjoyed my editing stint; it has given me the chance to get to know so many more people in the village.

I must acknowledge, before I bow out, the splendid support I have had from the whole team; the indefatigable Teresa Allen, who has one of the more thankless but essenial tasks; Tony and Jane Dunton and Bridget Doole, who have continued to labour at the dirtiest job, and triumphed over such a variety of problems and difficulties; Gill Sellwood and her super-efficient team of collators (and we have made sure they all get a mention above this time); Sonia Templeman, the mouthpiece of Junior Deddington, who has willingly taken over the distribution which Maggie Rampley organised so well for such a long time; and Sylvia Cannell, who took over the Treasurer's job at a complicated phase and whose advice, experience and arithmetic has stood us in such good stead. Fianlly, s special thank-you to our typists: our occasionals, Ruffy Heywood, Carol Sutton and Janet Clark who have always been ready to help out

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however busy they have been, and our two regulars, Joyce Minnear and Freda Ivings, have proved invaluable throughout the year. I owe a special tribute to Freda as she has taken on the lion's share, typing for nine of the ten issues. I count myself lucky to have the best of typists as the best of neighbours - and the only way I can be sure you read this, is by making sure she doesn't type it!

I should finally like to acknowledge the very generous contributions we have received throughout the year from those who opt to use the PO subscription box for their donations. The total for the year was £9.27pp.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RALPH ELSLEY

DIARY

Dec 21st. British Legion "Savannah"
24th. Carol Singing 7 - 8 pm - Town Hall
26th. Deddington Town Football Club - Windmill Charity Match
26th. British Legion "Dragonfly" 10.30 am
31st. British Legion "Shane"

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Jan 8th. W.I. HTC. 7.30 pm talk by Ian Swash
23rd. Deddington News Copy Date

CRISIS:

1. Our two ancient Duplicators have finally given out and need replacing.

2. The cost of paper has increased by 10% twice during year.

This means that our advertising revenue no longer covers our costs. We have asked the Parish Council to help us and they are considering this. But we DO NEED HELP. We should be most grateful for donations, (to Sylvia Cannell (The Lamphouse, or myself) - And please if you know of anyone who has an electric Gestetner for sale or knows of a source of one, let us know. A reasonable second-hand one from Gestetner would cost us over £700. We certainly don't want to have to give up now!

MARIANNE ELSLEY

VALENTINE'S DAY

Our next issue of Deddington News will be distributed just before Valentine's Day, February 14th.

What about a Valentine for the one you love most ? It will only cost you 50p for up to 15 words. Message in writing with cash please by January 22nd to me.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

DEDDINGTON NEWS DISTRIBUTION

First - Apologies to anyone who did not receive a copy of the Deddington News last month. Inevitably there were going to be problems for children who had not been involved in the distribution before - I'm sure given time these will be overcome!

Just to clarify one point - Although the News is ready for distribution mid-week, certain roads will not receive their copies until the week-end. If your copy has not been delivered by the Sunday evening there will be spare copies at the Post Office - or if it is difficult for you to collect one, a phone call to me on 38279 will ensure you get one.

SONIA TEMPLEMAN

FROM HEMPTON TO HOBART FRANKLINS OF DEDDINGTON, 1850 - 1917

Some months ago the Curator of Banbury Museum asked the Editor of the Deddington News for help with tracking down any information about Franklins of Deddington. This was a firm of builders who specialised in wood carving and who were in business in this area between 1850 and 1917. Their carvings were well known by Architects and Church builders all over this part of the country. The Museum wanted to put on exhibition tools of the trade, photographs and if possible examples of work, together with information about and the names of men employed at the works.

Once research had begun all sorts of interesting facts came to light: there were, in fact, people still alive who had worked at Franklins and were able to tell some fascinating tales, among them Mr Drinkwater, and most notably Mr French, who is now over 90 and in a Nursing Home in Banbury, and whose sister and daughter still reside in Deddington. The firm specialised in Church carvings and examples of their work can be seen in Deddington Church, Hempton, Milton, Stratford, Oxford and London. One Church screen was even exported to Hobart, Tasmania. The result of this investigation is a very interesting exhibition at the Banbury Museum, organised by Miss Sally Stradling, and it will be on view until January 12th 1985; Deddingtonians may like to go and see it. In fact, so much material has come to light that there are plans for an enlarged exhibition at the County Museum, Woodstock, next summer. A leaflet giving details about the history of the Franklins is available at the Museum.

MSE

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING -OCTOBER 31st 1984

Present: Cllrs. Robinson (Chair), Cheeseman, Fennemore, Fuller, Garrett, Garvey, Hayward, Stevens and Ward.

BBC Film A letter was received from the Production Manager of "Riott" expressing thanks to the people of "this delightful village". The film is progressing well. In this connection Mrs Robinson reported that the Green was to be returfed by Robb' Garden Service and thereafter mowed by Mr and Mrs Lambert who are kindly taking on this task again.

Town Hall Work has started on redecorating the hall by the Probation Service. At present two young people were working on Saturday mornings and it will take six weeks to complete the work. The PC is paying for materials only.

Correspondence Rates: Maximum increase is to be $4\frac{1}{2}$%.

CC Highways, Minor Road works in Hempton and Clifton have been given "low priority" which means that the work has been shelved.

Playgroup Committee A request was received asking for warning traffic signs near the Windmill Hall. As the children in danger are mainly of playgroup age and accompanied by adults, the CC

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has turned this request down. The real difficulty is that the owners of the Windmill Stores no longer allow car parking on their forecourt, and have put up sandwich boards on the path, which form an obstruction. Cars have to park on the Highway, making an already narrow and busy road even more hazardous. The Windmill Stores are to be asked to remove the obstructing boards, and in the long term the problem will be solved when the New Centre car park becomes usable.

Solar Design Mr Allen of Solar Design has suggested the formation of a Sunday Football team to play on the Castle Grounds. This is in the interest of good relationships locally. The PC to enquire as to any objections from other clubs.

Tree Planting The Annual Tree planting session to be on November 10th on the Castle Grounds. The RDC has asked for some Beeches to be included. Cllr. Fuller volunteered to represent the PC as usual.

Deddington News A request from Mr Elsley was received asking the PC if they would consider an annual grant. The meeting was sympathetic and will go into particulars when accounts have been examined and a suggested sum can be discussed.

Traffic in Clifton Cllr. Fennemore reported on the danger of this road. Three buses picked up there in a short space of time, and opposite the bus stop at Solar Design many cars were parked. The road was dangerous. It was suggested that a bus lay-by should be asked for and letters to be sent to the Highways Department and the County Surveyor.

Windmill Centre Mrs Robinson was happy to report that contracts had been exchanged at last and planning permission granted. Building would start within the next six weeks and the site ready for use by the Autumn of 1985. Congratulations and thanks were expressed to Cdr. Forsyth and Richard Broadbent for all their skill in negotiating and expert help and advice, also for all their hard work. Two further pieces of land would be acquired and added to the site, one at present belonging to Brian Bond, the other to the County Council.

Planning No objection to erection of house on Main Road, Clifton.

Accounts

Bigwood & Bewley	747.50
SEB	13.00
Gas Board	16.98
Water Rates	3.48

CELIA CLARKE

A PLEA FROM THE WINDMILL COMMITTEE

At a recent committee meeting we were very concerned to hear that windows had been damaged by persons shooting marbles through the windows with a catapult. We have recently had to spend quite a lot of money on replacing windows as the Windmill is used regularly by Guides, Brownies, Cubs and various other clubs.

We would be grateful if the persons concerned would refrain from causing inconvenience to so many people.

We would again like to invite anyone in Deddington, and especially young people, to join the committee to air their views and those of their friends as to what activities they would like to participate in, both now and when the new centre is built.

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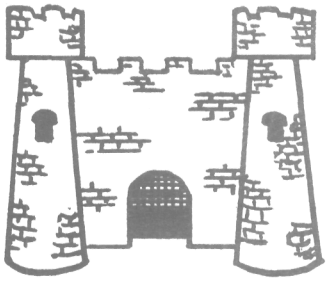

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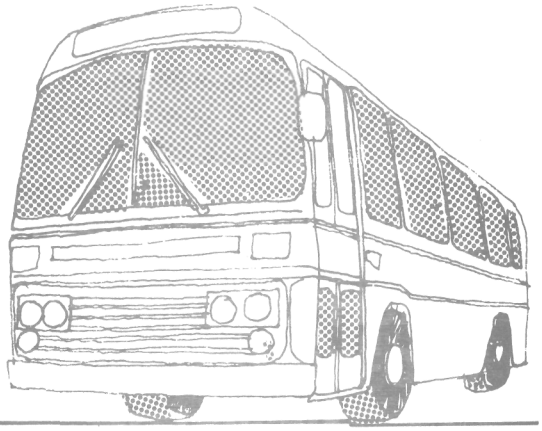

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Where I could buy a Lollypop.

Mr Dodwell baked the bread
But only half the village fed.
The cakes he made were rather sticky,
The nick-name that he bore was Dickie.

Hayward's shop it still stands there
Selling veg or peach or pear;
Near narrow passage "Tchure" called
On either side were gardens walled.

Who remembers Ticky Wells?
Sold clothes and shoes and prams with bells,
Travelled hamlets far and near,
"Pay next week you can, my dear."

Co-op service was too slow,
No one there rushed too and fro;
Time then seemed to stand quite still
While they totted up your bill.

Tucker's stores a quiet place
Standing in the Market Place.
In that large window I did spoon,
And well remember Mr Boone.

The Forces men who came to stay
In the house we call Wytchway
Were there because the war was on:
It seemed so quiet when they were gone.

Butcher Smith lived in Main Street,
Steaks for the rich, for us pigs' feet!
Hopcrafts had a bigger place,
Sandy by name and red of face.

A grocer named Lewis whose first name was Jack
To those out of work paid dole round the back.
Bill Holiday kept the motorist's store,
Where parts were scattered all over the floor.

At the Priory lived Saunders, his first name was Walt.
In war-time a shortage, it wasn't his fault.
Selling of sweets to earn him a bob,
Sorting out coupons - a terrible job.

Canning sold oil and things for the sink,
I didn't like that shop, my how it did stink!
Weaver's a Grocer in Chapel Square,
A wee bit expensive, so we didn't shop there.

In New Street a Chemist, a nice looking place,
And Barber behind it who'd lather your face.
A real shop for addments was Runicles,
There were screws and nails and I think he sold rules.

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Then there was Fowlers, sold not much at all,
A very frail lady and not very tall.
And Compton's Greengrocers, their son's name was Bill,
Can't think how they managed, and never will!

The blacksmith was Tibbets where horses were shod,
He mended the traces or straightened a rod,
Served up Petrol from a hand pump,
Then back to the anvil where he did just thump.

The other baker was named Bill Course,
I remember his van but not any horse.
He cooked Sunday puddings for one ha'penny,
Now Deddington people that's history.

DON WALKER

DEDDINGTON WI.

Our last meeting was on November 13th at the Holly Tree Club. Once again we were very pleased to enrol a new member and welcomed two visitors. We are now so crowded that the hall we use is getting rather tight. None the less we love to have new members and are pleased to see that younger women find our meetings interesting and want to join.

During the business part we heard reports on several outings we had attended, among them a Group Meeting at Ploxham, another at Sibford and the County Day at Exeter Hall, Kidlington. In November two members joined the annual Tree Planting in Deddington. This is organised by John Scott and supported by the DC and the Parish. This time we planted four Beech trees in the Castle Grounds, representatives of other Deddington Societies were also there. The trees we planted a few years ago on the Banbury Road are now almost visible and it is good to know that nearly all have survived and are flourishing.

On Thanksgiving Sunday a wreath was laid by a WI member on the Green of the Market Place.

We then heard a talk on Womens Health given by Mrs Brenda Perigo, a member of the Oxfordshire Health Authority. She put forward the thought that being healthy is rather more than not being actually ill. It should be a positive state and she suggested that "wellness" might be a suitable word for it. Foundations for being ill or well were put down in infancy by dietary habits, living conditions and economic circumstances. Mrs Perigo was very keen that school meals should be improved in content, though she admitted that it needed courage to break through tradition and that the young often preferred less wholesome food. In all this, she said, women play a central snd crucial part and should be aware of their responsibility.

Our next WI meeting will take the form of a Christmas dinner and we do not invite visitors to this. The January meeting will be on the 8th, when Ian Swash will talk to us on Osteopathy. There will also be our usual January mini-Auction. Please bring along any unwanted Christmas presents. Soap and toiletries, scarves, household goods. Visitors will be welcome at the January meeting. -----

It is with great sadness that we have to report the sudden death of Freda Powell, a past President and member of the commitee for many years. She will be much missed for her unfailing kindness and generosity to us all.

Marianne Elsley

DEDDINGTON LADIES

We held our Bazaar on November 3rd and raised £100. Thanks to everyone who supported us and to Simon Clinch and Paul Dawson who very kindly collected £3.25 for us from their "Penny for the Guy" effort. It was very thoughtful of them and much appreciated.

Mrs.S.Canning won the chocolates in the raffle, Mrs.F.Butlin - chicken, Mrs. A.Ormond - shampoo and set and Peggy Busby the wine. Thanks also to the people who donated raffle prizes, they were as follows : Wallin's, Andy Clarke, Shirley's Hairdressing and Tucker's Stores. Mrs.M.MacCreadie gave us a bottle of sherry but this has been kept for the party. Deddington Liquid Waste gave us a donation of £10 and Mrs.S.Canning £5. These kind folk give us prizes and donations every year and we greatly appreciate it.

Our November meeting was entirely taken up with arranging the Senior Citizen's party. I expect by the time this is published it will all be over, but anyway we hope that this year will be even better than last. We all look forward to it andI think we enjoy it as much (perhaps more) than our guests.

We'd like to wish everyone a "Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year".

Thanks again to everyone who supported us at both our August and November Bazaars. Without the people of Deddington who come and buy from us on these two occasions we wouldn't be able to have a party.

JACKIE ADKINS

HOLLY TREE CLUB

On behalf of our members I wish to extend Season's Greetings to all.

Our grateful appreciation to those who have sent us donations and supported and helped us in all ways this year.

A word of thanks to Andy Clarke for the generous donation made possible by him supplying a soft toy and holding a "Guess the Birthday" competition.

Happy New Year to all.

PEGGY BUSBY

HOLLY TREE CLUB PREMISES

The members of the Committee of this Club have instructed me to respectfully ask residents of the village to refrain from putting notices on the outside door of the club premises. The holes in the newly painted woodwork caused by drawing pins has made an unsightly mess. Thank you for your future co-operation.

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DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS. During the last month we have received 21 calls made up as follows : 4 calls to Stand by at Banbury Fire Station, 2 false alarms on automatic systems, 2 false alarms with good intent, 1 maliscious false alarm, 3 chimney fires, 1 car rire, 7 road traffic accidents and 1 unusual fire in an airing cupboard. This brings the total number of calls to 190 this year.

The unusual fire was extraordinary to say the least. We were called to a house in Middle Barton where the occupier said she could smell smoke in the bedroom, and so could we. We emptied the contents of the cupboard to find that the metal flupipe from the oil fired boiler ran through the bottom of the cupboard and was cased in asbestos. Underneath the asbestos was fibreglass insulation. When this was removed we found the charred carcases of two dead mice and some charred sweet wrappers, and it was these things that were smoking. This incident would have been a lot more serious if the occupier had been out for the day.

FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

On 27th October we held a station open day in conjunction with National Fire Safety Week. Unfortunately things were not financed at County level in time for me to advertise it in the October issue of the News, but we did have 500 programmes printed which were delivered to every house in Deddington, hoping that these would have the desired effect of encouraging people to come along to visit us and to see us at work fighting the fire situations that we had arranged. Unfortunately only about 40 people turned up but nevertheless we carried on with our drills and demonstrations which I know were enjoyed by the few people who did attend. For all those who missed out and didn't bother to come and for those who couldn't, you may have noticed that written on the front of the programme was a number. These numbers were for a Free Draw which we carried out at the Station at 4 p.m. that afternoon. I still have 3 unclaimed prizes, the numbers of which are 71, 362 and 423. If you have any of these numbers please call to collect your prize from my house (Allo Cottage, High Street).

VACANCIES We still have vacancies for firefighters at Deddington. Anyone who may be interested please ring me on 38943 or pop along to the Fire Station any Tuesday night, between 6.30 and 7.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, peaceful and fire free Christmas from all the personnel at Deddington Fire Station.

A.P.HUMPHRIES.

W.I. Recipe of the Month

Apples Galore, so here is a pudding that is a bit different.

Peel, core and slice 1 lb Bramleys

Batter: 4 ozs plain flour, 2 egg yolks, ½ pint of milk, beat all to make a creamy batter, then add the whisked egg whites

Filling: Cream 2 ozs Margarine and 2 ozs soft brown sugar.

Then in a deepish pie dish put layer of apples (½), layer of filling, the rest of the apples (nice even layers) top with the batter and bake for about an hour until golden brown, cut into wedges. If you can stand so much sweetness, you can dredge the top with icing sugar. (Moderate Oven).

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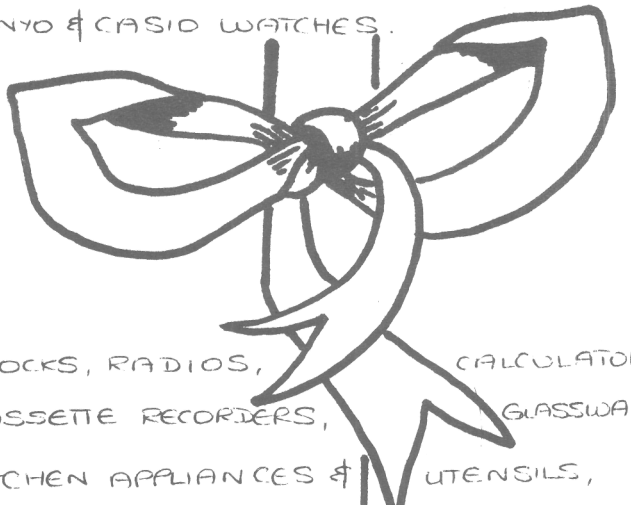

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JOY DRAKE MAGGIE RAMPLEY

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We all enjoyed our 'ghoulish gathering' at Hallowe'en time. Guides and Mums produced some suitably bewitching refreshments including witches hats and fingers, stars and moons, vampires blood to drink complete with blue and green ice! Thank you all who came and joined in the fun - hope we didn't frighten you too much !!!.

Two guides, Marianne Dawson and Hazel Rampley mounted a stall at the Church "shared lunch" and gave the profits £10.50 to the Ethiopia fund launched by the Church. Well done, girls, all their own idea.

On the same day two more guides were representing the unit. Sarah Maskery and Emma Holmes helped with the tree-planting. Well done, and thank you.

We had a very smart turn-out for the Remembrance Day parade. Well done especially to our colour parties who have a lot to do and remember with no rehearsal. They were Stephanie Paull, Debbie Rose, Leonne Amond, Sarah Maskery, Natasha Butlin, Louise Weatherhead and Sally Stiff who laid the wreath on our behalf. We were particularly proud to be marching behind our District Scout & Guide Band.

Lorraine Hawkins has been doing some thinking for herself and has got us all making gowns for babies in Ethiopia. When completed she will pass them on to Oxfam. Well done, Lorraine.

We are working hard at our badges and challenges and we already have one success - Marianne Dawson has passed her Hostess badge. Many more to come we hope.

As we move towards the end of the year we would like to thank all our patient badge testers and anyone who has helped us in any way.

We hope to take part in many varied activities in 1985 as it is a very special year for us - Guiding will be 75 years old !! We'll keep you in touch with all we take part in. Our first challenge however will be the County Crime Prevention Quiz.

New Year Tuesday 15th January 7 - 8 p.m. All guides
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Tuesday 22nd January Normal guide meeting

MAGGIE RAMPLEY

The Deddington and Barford Wesleyan Churches would like to thank everyone for their support of the 'Holly Fair'.

CUB SCOUTS

In last month's News I mentioned how busy the cubs had been in the previous weeks; well this month they have exceeded all expectations.

They have carried out a traffic survey on the Hempton Road and in one half hour period over one hundred vehicles passed. The cubs followed this up by making charts of the various types of vehicle that passed and making vehicle collages. On the 8th November we were pleased to welcome Mrs. E. Isham, the District Cub Scout Leader, who was making a special visit to present the Golden Arrow Badge to Michael Scott. She presented him with his badge and certificate at the end of the evening and explained to the rest of the boys the work required to achieve this badge which is the highest award a cub scout can attain.

During half term fifteen boys joined 8th Banbury Pack at Horley Scout Camp site for a fun day. Whilst there they tried their hand at cooking a pancake on a hobo stove and candle. They were shown how to prepare a meal for cooking in tin foil, made plaster cast models, followed string trails blindfold and did tracking. After lunch the boys were able to try out the assault course and rope swing. At the end of the afternoon we had a camp fire and songs. Thanks to Mrs. Rampley for leading the songs. The boys then had hot dogs with onions and lots of tomato sauce before it was time to clear up and go home. I would like to thank the other leaders, Vicky and Alan, and especially Paul who did the arranging, also to Mrs.Allen, Mrs.Walsh and my wife for their help on the day.

On the 10th November a small party of boys were able to help Mr. Scott with the tree planting on the Castle Grounds and on Sunday, 11th, the pack joined Brownies, Guides and Scouts for the Remembrance Day Parade. Well done to the colour party, David Service Flag bearer, Edward Allen and Michael Scott, assistants, to Paul Gray who laid the wreath and finally to those boys who turned out and took part.

The following badges have been gained during the last few weeks, Bronze Arrow - Mark Beale, Christopher Brock and Andrew Oddy. Sportsman Badge - Christopher Brock and Andrew Oddy.

Finally, I was privileged to be asked to present Venture Scout Awards to both of our assistant cub scout leaders, Vicky Service and Paul Wilkins. Congratulations to you both.

F.J.SCOTT. C.S.L.

MR. & MRS. MAURICE RENWICK will not be sending Christmas cards this year. They send their friends Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

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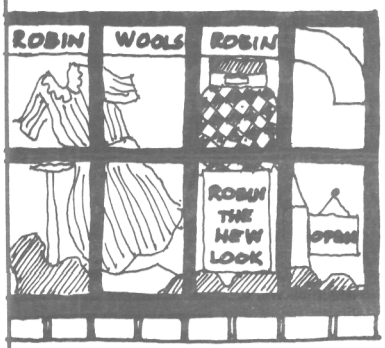

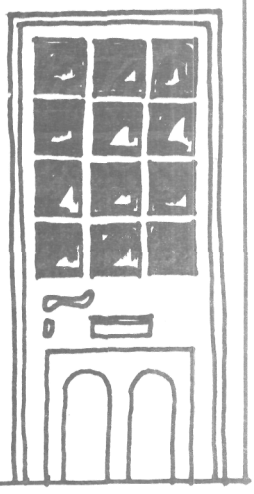

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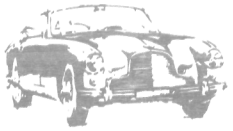

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DEDDINGTON BOWLING CLUB

A Club dinner was held at the Holcombe Hotel on Wednesday, 24th October, where a splendid meal was served to 27 members and friends.

The President, Mr.F.Robins, welcomed guests and friends and also gave appropriate thanks. The retiring captain, Don Walker, entertained with two of his poems followed by a few words from our new captain, Mr.R.Stephenson.

Five cups for club competitions were kindly presented to the following members by Mrs. S. Spencer.

Four Wood Pairs :	J. Lloyd L. Hudson
Two Wood Pairs :	R. Stephenson F. Deeley
Handicap Singles:	R. Stephenson
Four Wood Singles:	F. Deeley
Two Wood Singles :	R. Stephenson

The retiring captain also presented presents to the following ladies who had done so much work in preparing the meals at home matches. Special thanks to: Mrs.J.Todd, Mrs.J.Stephenson, Mrs.F. Deeley, Mrs.J.Robins and Mrs.R.Walker.

A working party met at the green on Saturday, 27th October, to help with the preparation of the green for next season under the expert guidance of Mr.Eric Smith. A special thank you to Eric for all your work.

DON WALKER

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

We are now proud possessors of a new playing strip, courtesy of Derek Johnson. We hope that the distinctive black and white striped shirts will inspire the wearers to play to their true capabilities. There are very few local teams who can match Deddington - it is certainly a team to be feared in local amateur football.

Turning the clock back several years is a regular pastime on Boxing Day morning. This year is no exception with a number of former stalwarts making their customary appearance in the annual charity match between teams representing the Red Lion and Deddington Royal British Legion. Kick off is scheduled for around 10.30 a.m. at the Windmill and a warm invitation is extended to all readers to come along and lend their support. Proceeds from the game will go to the Holly Tree Club. At the time of writing both captains had yet to finalise their selections but provided he passes a late fitness test, British Legion steward, John Willimont, will make his debut. Anyone who has watched him batting for Deddington Cricket Club will know that this is an unforgettable experience. Red Lion landlord Norman Williams is unlikely to play a full game although he is hoping to kick off. Your regular football correspondent will no doubt be given the dubious honour of refereeing the proceedings, which will mean that there are 23 different referees on the pitch, all blessed with faultless eye-sight and an unrivalled knowledge of the rules of the game! Never mind, it's all in a very good cause, and is much enjoyed by those who play in the fixture.

Let's hope the weather is kind to us so that as many spectators as possible can turn out and support this traditional event in the Deddington sporting calendar. See you on Boxing Day and, on behalf of Deddington Football Club, thank you to everyone in the village who has supported us during 1984. Through the pages of the Deddington News we wish you and indeed all readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

KEVIN BEALE

JUNIOR DEDDINGTON COMPETITION Story based on Cover Picture.

We were very pleased to receive so many interesting entries. Some of you made the goings on in the Market Place like scenes from Cops and Robbers! We would like to say that we thought the standard of spelling was very good and some of the handwriting was lovely and so easy to read. It was hard to decide on the winner, but in the end this was our choice :

Over 10 : (1) Samantha Fairns (2) Lucy Ladbrook

Under 10: (1) Rachel Cheeseman (2) Eleanor Ellis

TALK, TALK, STARE, STARE.

There was once a little girl called Becky and she went to the Market with her mum and when they were in the Square they saw Angela with her mum. Angela is two and Becky is five so there's quite a difference.

Becky's mum and Angela's mum started talking; meanwhile Angela was staring into space but Becky was staring at a large collie lying down by three men. She stared and she stared and she stared. It was a beautiful dog but she got bored, so she turned to two ladies. They were talking about something but she couldn't make out what. They were saying something about the Town Hall but she got bored very quickly, so she turned back to Angela who had stopped staring into space and was now staring into the middle of the market place.

Then Becky saw what Angela was staring at. It was the cart with the mail in drawn by the old cart horse Nobby. The cart stopped by the ladies. Derek, the driver, said "I've got a letter for you Becky. I think it's from Claire". Claire is five as well. She lived in this village and had moved to Banbury. This is what it said:

Dear Becky,

I am having ever such a lovely time in Banbury but I'm coming back to the village on Sunday.

Love, Claire

"Mum, Claire's coming back". "Good" said her mum. "But, mum, she's coming back tomorrow" "Is she? I didn't realise that".

The next day Becky went to the village with her mum again, but this time it was quiet. There was Claire, a little girl with blonde hair. Becky ran towards Claire and they played all day.

By RACHEL CHEESEMAN. Aged 9.

THE WHEEL BARROW ACCIDENT.

It was a bright afternoon in Deddington town. The farmer with a horse and cart was bringing hay for cattle. A silly man with a wheel barrow goes across the road, not looking where he's going. Suddenly there was a loud noise. The man had dropped his wheel barrow. The horse reared up. When the horse came down the hard hoofs tumbled down on the man. The man was Mr. Jones, the fruit seller. He had been picking fruit off Mrs. Gabb's tree. He was very well known in these parts. Mrs. Perks, the nosy neighbour of Deddington, ran over to see what was wrong.

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COMPETITION STORY CONTINUED

There was a trio with a dog taking no notice at all, and Mr. Jones' little girl and wife came running over. "Get a doctor" they cried. The nosy neighbour got the doctor and he ran out quick. The two ladies by the Town Hall are saying "Some people these days!" not knowing what had happened, of course. People who had been on night shift were popping their heads out of their windows shaking their fists saying "Keep the noise down!"

The ambulance came and the doctor said he had concussion. Marianne, his daughter, said "Mummy, will he be all right ?" "Yes, dear," said Mrs. Jones. "Farmer Smith, are you all right?"

"I'm a bit shocked" he said and got out of the cart and slowed the horse down. Everybody got to work, including Mrs. Perks, the nosy neighbour. The ladies by the Town Hall are talking about what happened. "Let's do our shopping" said Mrs. Jones.

The trio on the road were new there so they just nattered away and soon the town was back to normal again.

By SAMANTHA FAIRNS Aged 10.

WARRINER SCHOOL

Saturday, 1st December: CHRISTMAS FAIR at 2.00 p.m. at school.
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December 10 : Fifth year Parents consultation
December 19 : Last day of term

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GOOD NEW YEAR !

January 8 : First day of Spring Term
January 16 : Debate for pupils, parents and teachers on the subject of HOMEWORK !
January 28 : Third year's Parents Brochure evening

MOYA HASSAN

PRIMARY SCHOOL ETHIOPIAN APPEAL

Three girls from Class 4 of the Primary School decided, on their own initiative, to organise a sponsored swim for this appeal; a target of 30 lengths of Spiceball each. On Monday 19th November Mrs.J.Davies kindly took them there and they achieved their aim. They have now collected sponsorship money to the tune of £120. Our warmest congratulations to HESTER WARD, LOUISE WEATHERHEAD and LUCY LADBROOK for this tremendous effort.

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The Committee would like to thank all those who so generously supported our fund raising event at Windmill Hall on 16th November.

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MAUREEN FORSYTH

DEDDINGTON SINGERS

A new resident was made very welcome and it was interesting to hear that she had sung similar music to ours with Shenington Singers. We still seek male voices so if there are any newcomers to Deddington district who would like to make their voices heard (!) would they kindly present themselves at the Wesleyan Hall on any Monday evening at 7.30 p.m.

We are delighted to have been invited to sing at AYNHO PARK in December, when we will be presenting Christmas carols, madrigals and folk songs to the WORDS & MUSIC CLUB. We are sorry not to be able to take guests along but to make up for this we will be holding a coffee evening at the Holly Tree Club in January.

We are also singing to the residents of the Adderbury Cheshire home prior to Christmas. We have enjoyed previous visits and have been made very welcome.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS to singers everywhere !

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DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

The Third Annual General Meeting was held at The Unicorn on 6th November 1984.

Our Chairman, Bill Drake, reported that the 1984 season had been a great success both on and off the field. The Club is developing well and younger players are becoming more involved and accepting greater responsibility.

Fund raising had been very good and the RACE evening being held on 1st December would strengthen the club's position still further. "We go forward to the 1985 season with confidence" said Bill.

The existing committee was re-elected unopposed and is :

Chairman	Bill Drake
Treasurer	John Burdon
Secretary	Terry Clinch
Captain	John Stiff
Vice Captain	Peter Blackburn
Windmill Centre Rep.	Mike Maskery
General Committee	Derek Cheeseman
with additions of	Kevin Beale & Chris Blackburn.

Annual subscriptions now due are £3.00 and £1.00 for Juniors.

The Club is to have it's own tie and it is expected these will be available by the end of 1984. They will be Navy Blue Polyester with a gold Unicorn and lettering D.C.C.

Fixtures for 1985 are nearing completion and we anticipate another enjoyable season.

TERRY CLINCH

STOP PRESS

The next Parish Council Meeting is crucial to us. We are to hear what has been decided about helping us financially.

Unfortunately the meeting is too late in the month for us to tell you about it this time, but we shall be able to in our next issue.

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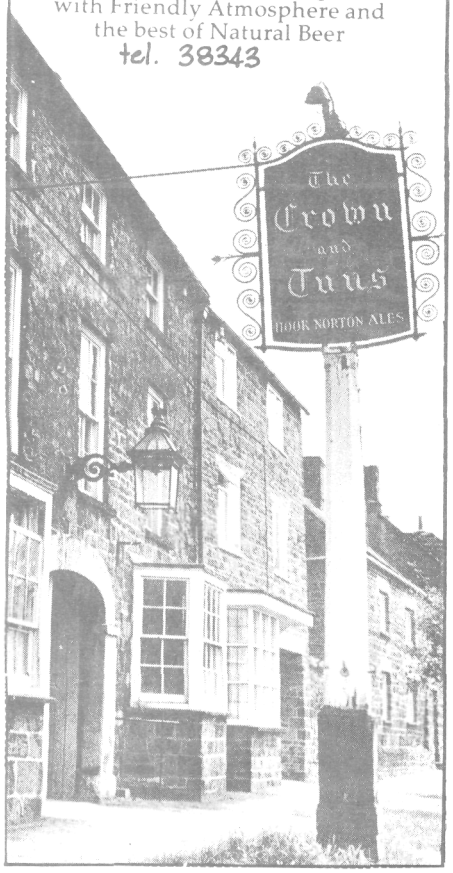

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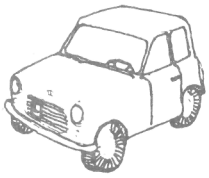

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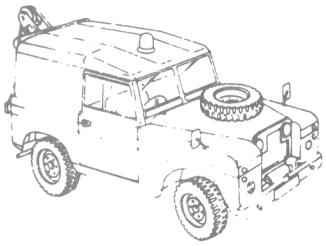

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DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

The Second Annual Dinner was held on 6th October at The Great Western, Clifton, with 48 members and their guests having a most enjoyable evening.

Chairman Bill Drake welcomed everyone and told of the test given to The Committee in drinking his Apple & Rhubarb Wine. All have passed but some better than others; he was kind enough not to go into details, to some members' relief. Bill then introduced our Guests of Honour, Amanda and Tony Gray. Tony entertained the gathering with a succession of amusing anecdotes both from his own world of golf and cricket. Many thanks from all the club to Amanda and Tony for giving up their evening to be with us.

Our Captain, John Stiff, then spoke of the success enjoyed by the club in 1984 and was generous in his thanks to members of the Committee. He then presented this club awards.

Young Player of the Year Mick Colman

Outstanding Performance of the Year Terry Lester for his 10 for 32 against Sunningwell. Terry was presented with the Match ball mounted.

Bill Drake then made the top award

Clubman of the Year The deserving and popular winner was JOHN STIFF. It was a most memorable evening.

As the season is now over and my team place not important until next season, I felt it appropriate to review all the players of 1984 and enlighten you a little. After all, we must have 'Freedom of the Press' - so here we go !

John (Captain & Clubman of the year) Stiff. How did he get these titles you may well ask! Well, it is not for me to spread doubt, but it was his bat and ball we used each Sunday. Read into that what you will.

Peter Blackburn (top catcher in 1984) is now known as Claws, but what will he do when his tube of Super Glue runs out ?

His Son, Chris (super Brat) is also known as JAWS. I like Chris because he has the dubious distinction of having a lower batting average than me.

Our Treasurer, John Ebernieezer Burdon, who did not play much in 1984. We liken him to a nuclear weapon, our ultimate deterrent - there, but only used in a desperate emergency.

David Blades - honed to perfection, as sharp as steel, and worse.

John & Mick Colman - keen as mustard. Still worse.

Andy Shepherd - Improving but still rather sheepish in the field. (If he played rugby would he play for the BaBa's ?)

Phil (Love it) Parish - our milkman who gathers catches as if they were a bottle of his precious gold top.

Terry (forward defensive) Lester. Deddington's answer to Joel Garner

Our wicket keeper, Steve Jones. Could it be his greatest contribution has been his move to Bristol ? (Good luck, Steve !)

Kevin Slogger Beale who is in danger of being re-named 'poser' for next season.

Derek Cheeseman, or Cheesers, as he is known. There are some veterans in the club who claim to remember his last catch.

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CRICKET CONTINUED

Bill Drake, our Chairman, who appears by kind permission of Bomber Command Scrap Metal Division Darby & Joan club.

Sid Maddicott - who, not wishing to get an even lower batting average than last year, moved to Nottingham for the summer.

Not forgetting our tea ladies, those experts of the curled up fish paste sandwiches - sunken jam sponges and stewed tea. To Brenda, Jill, Terry and last but not least, that Madam of Haute Cuisine 'Salmonella Sue', thanks from all the team.

And what of the writer you might ask? Outright winner of the Inept Player of the Year Trophy, whose only claim to fame is he always turns up. (But why, they cry, oh why?)

If I have left anyone out then you must be as unmemorable as your cricket this summer.

To serious things :

The Club's A.G.M. is on Tuesday, 6th November, 8 p.m. at the Unicorn. I am sure all members will attend to discuss the Club's future and for the election of slaves. However, if as a newcomer you would like to come along and consider joining what is Deddington's leading cricket club you would be very welcome.

Date for your diaries is :

SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER. CRICKET CLUB RACE EVENING 7.45 p.m. at THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION. Tickets £1.50 to include buffet. Please come along and support your local cricket club.

P.S. On 14th October eight of the team spent around five hours working on next season's wicket - raking - mowing - re-raking - re-mowing and then putting on loam. It was very hard work but very necessary to ensure a good wicket for 1985.

Our thanks to our extra helpers, Andrew Stiff and Simon Clinch, and to Jill, Sue and Terry for providing us with a working lunch. It was much appreciated, ladies.

TERRY CLINCH

S T O P P R E S S S T O P P R E S S S T O P P R E S S

Contracts for the new Windmill Centre were signed on the evening of Wednesday, October 24th, at the Town Hall. Those involved in this historic and exhaustive (if not exhausting) ritual, were Mary Robinson and Ken Garrett for the Parish Council and Mervyn Walliker, the Managing Director of Rockwell Developments. They were watched and assisted by a small group of supporters, including Robert Forsyth and Roger Rose.

On the following evening final planning permission was obtained without any difficulty or delay - we can now look forward to a speedy start on the project and congratulate Mr. Forsyth and Mr. Broadbent on what they have achieved for us all.

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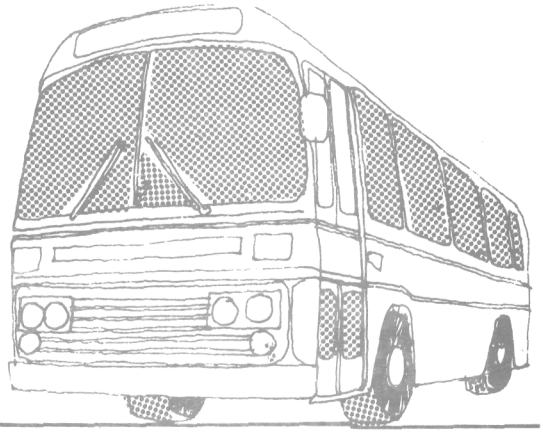

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